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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for putting an end to the antitrust case brought against Microsoft. As an ordinary consumer, Windows is beneficial to my everyday life, and I would like to see Microsoft able to operate without further legal complication.

Microsoft has made more concessions to the government in the settlement than were charged in the suit. They have agreed to new removal capabilities for Windows-based programs, along with documentation of the coding that will make it easier for competitors' software programs to run with Windows. I think Windows is a very friendly operating system, and these changes will only serve to make it a stronger product.

Microsoft has endorsed this settlement to put a quick end to the litigation. I urge you to finally close the lawsuit against Microsoft as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Terry Harrelson



cc: Representative J. Dennis Hastert